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R. E. THOMAS. BIGELOW LACEY,
GRAND COMMANDER OF IOWA.

OUR GRAND COMMANDER.

Thomas Bigelow Lacey, was born at New Milford, Conn., Dec. 9, 1852, removed with his father's family to Racine, Wis., 1856,—to Chicago in 1863. He received a literary education in the public schools of Chicago and Oberlin College Ohio. He studied medicine under Prof. Edmund Andrews of Chicago, graduating from the Chicago Medical College, March 16, 1875. For one year was Acting Ass't Surgeon at National Military Soldiers' Home, at Milwaukee and from there moved directly to Council Bluffs, in 1876, taking up the practice of medicine in which he has been coutinously employed to the present date.

Is a member of Bluff City Lodge No. 71, receiving the degrees in said lodge. E. A. March 3, 1877; F. C., March 27, 1877; M. M., April 21, 1877; has held various offices in said lodge, and was W. M., of same in 1886-87-92 and 1893.

Is a member of Star Chapter No. 47; R. A. M., receiving capitular degrees therein, Mark M., Oct. 20, 1877; Past M., Nov. 3, 1877; M. E. M., Nov. 11, 1877 and R. A., Nov. 24, 1877; filled various stations in said Chapter and was M. E. H. H., in 1882; received the degrees of Royal and Select Master in Adouiram Council in 1878 the Council being at that time a distinct organization in this state; received the Ill. Order of the Red Cross in Ivanhoe Commandery, No. 17, K. T., May 22, 1879; being Knighted therein May 29, 1879; filled various stations in this order; also serving as E. C. in 1883; was elected Grand Junior Warden of the Grand Lodge, June, 1893; was elected E. Grand King of the Grand Chapter in 1884; was elected Gr. Sr. Warden of Grand Commandery, in 1882; E. Gr. Capt. Gen'l in 1886, and again in 1892; E. Gr. Generalissimo in 1893; R. E. Dep. Gr. Commander in 1894 and Gr. Commander in 1895; has been a member of Board of Trustees of Templar Park since the second year of its existence, was a member of Ritual Committee on the ritual in use, just preceding the present one and compiled form of opening of our Grand Commandery.

Our Grand Commander has the respect and confidence of his fratres in Iowa and has always been one of the most ardent and uncomplaining workers in the Grand Commandery. His election to the Command of the Iowa Knights, was most befitting in this year of the Triennial Conclave to which we go feeling that we need not be ashamed of Our Grand Commander.

MASONIC BLUNDERS.

Every officer will at some time "slip up," as the following cases show:

A certain Master of Temple Lodge once said: "We are all traveling on the great level of time to that undiscovered bourne, from whose traveler no country returns."

A certain Prin. Sojourner of Orient Chapter fell all over himself by saying: "I'll lead the blind in the way they know not, I'll make light darkness before them and straight things crooked. This will I do them and forsake them."

An Eminent Commander once: "That this referred to the sound of the Warder on the house tops."

One of our ritualists in a certain part of his work said: "By the distinguished taper on the—" etc.

And on the same evening another one quoted Scripture as follows: "Man that is born of woman is of few days and full of misery; he cometh forth as a flower and continueth not; he fleeth as a shadow and is cut down."

And to cap the climax the highest officer instructed the candicate to "Take the right—in his hand." Each one of these officers is strictly temperate.

A very efficient worker has horror of Biblical names, and is generally unhorsed in the charge. Zerubabbel always Zer-a-bub-bly, Artaxerxes is Ar-tacks-zees, Jerusalem shines forth as Ge-roosh-lum, and the three sons of Noah are Sham, Ram and Japtham.

Another officer announces that he has "Inspections from the ruins of the Grand Council."

A grand officer made a funny error when he intended to say, "Free him from his shackles," but said, "Free him of his shekels.—*Masonic Constellation.*

DE WITT CLINTON.

This illustrious statesman and patriot was formerly Grand Master of Masons in New York. He also bears credit as having been the most effectual governor of the state in laying the foundation for its present prosperity. In an address delivered in 1825 at the installation of Stephen Van Rensselaer as Grand Master of New York, his opinion of Masonry is expressed in these words:

"Masonry superadds to our other obligations the strongest ties of connection between it and the cultivation of virtue, and furnishes the most powerful incentives to goodness. A Freemason is responsible to his lodge for a course of good conduct and if he deviates from it, he will be disgraced and expelled. Wherever he goes he will find a friend in every brother, if he conducts himself well, and will be shielded against want and protected against oppression; and he will feel in his own bosom the ecstatic joys of that heaven-born charity, which

> '—— decent, modest. easy, kind,
> Softens the high and rears the abject mind,
> Lays the rough paths of peevish nature even
> And opens in each heart a little heaven.'"

In alluding to the frivolous charge that there are bad men in the institution, he thus defends and eulogizes:

"That Freemasonry is sometimes perverted and applied to the acquisition of political ascendancy, of unmerited charity and convivial excess, cannot be disputed; but this is not the fault of the institution, for it inculcates an entire exemption from political and religious controversy. It enforces the virtues of industry and temperance and it proscribes all attempts to gratify ambition and cupidity, or to exceed the bounds of temperance in convivial enjoyments under its shade, or through its instrumentality. In lifting the mind above the dungeon of the body, it venerates the grateful odor of plain and modest virtue, and patronizes those endowments which elevate the human character, and adapt it to the high enjoyments of another and better world."—*The Mystic Tie.*

OUR BROTHERHOOD.

We regard the solemn and weighty ties that join each individual of our Masonic brotherhood as extending to all the benefits voluntarily assumed toward each brother, whether of high or low degree, who can prove himself lawfully entitled to the same. If it does not mean more than the convenience or fancy of a mere sentiment then it is a needless and useless expense and should be laid aside. In the face of each member of our fraternity we must be willing to recognize the mystic tie and to live up to the requirements and privileges. No man can interpolate his own selfish interpretation of the responsibility. We must feel willing to lay aside every other lighter consideration to endow this relation at its true worth. However beautiful brotherly love, relief and truth may appear in others of whom we read, it must take vital hold on us and be a part of our living selves to avail. The bitterness of personal dislikes should succumb to the refining power of our Masonic covenants. The great light that is the rule and guide to faith dictates to all alike the continuance of brotherly love. No true man and brother will ask this bright and all pervading authority to be set aside, and if he did, it should not be done. We be brethren. We are a part of the whole system, and as we exemplify its principles, so will men judge us, try us, and weigh us.

THE LODGES.

GRAND LODGES MEET.

Iowa, Boone, June 2, 1896.

A NEW TEMPLE.

We are glad to notice the activity of our Cedar Rapids Masons in the direction of getting their Temple project under way. At a meeting of the Association July 15th, it was decided to push the increase of stock subscriptions, and it is being done. The cost of the building is to be about $75,000. The officers are as follows:

James Morton, president; Wm. Elsom, vice president; Geo. W. Bever, treasurer; Ed. H. Smith, secretary.

Directors—C. D. Ives, H. B. Soutter, C. H. French, Martin Evans, Joseph Moore, G. M. Johnson, L. W. Anderson, Jno. T. Hamilton, J. M. Terry, Jno. A. Kimbro, C. R. Jordan, Jas. L. Bever, P. S. Robertson, Wm. Flanagan, M. W. Hazeltine, C. H. Cogswell, Oscar Solomon.

The authorized capital is $100,000, of which two-thirds has been subscribed. The association owns the fine corner opposite Bever's bank on First avenue and First street.

This will make a most excellent site for the handsome new six-story building and will worthily mark the old business portion of the city.

LAKE VIEW PICNIC.

From Carroll, Bro. Moses Simon writes us further of the St. John's day celebration of June 24th last. Two thousand to twenty-five hundred people were present. Fine weather. Ten lodges were represented. Excursion trains were run from all directions on the C. & N. W. Signet Lodge (Carroll) took the Union band along. A company of sixteen young ladies gave a splendid Masonic drill. The Ida Grove band was present; also the Ida Grove quartette, Mr. and Mrs. Prince. Orations by Rev. F. H. Sanderson and Mrs. Maria Jackson. We are personally glad to have been missed by our good brethren and sisters, with whom we had such a pleasant day last year.

GENERAL THANKSGIVING.

To E. Sir Gil. W. Barnard, Grand Secretary, for the official notice of the Grand Commandery of Illinois for the Boston trip.

To E. Sir W. H. Mayo, Grand Secretary, for the official proceedings of the Grand Chapter and Grand Council of Missouri for 1895.

We are under many obligations to Bro. Sidney Smith, of Cedar Rapids, for a full file of "Iowa Masonry," Vol. I, January to December, 1892.

To R. E., A. M. Wolihin, Grand Secretary, for the Proceedings of the Grand Chapter, R. A. M., of Georgia, held in Macon April 24, 1895.

To Sir H. H. Munson, Grand Recorder, for the Proceedings of the Grand Commandery of North Carolina, K. T., held at Durham, May 14 and 15, 1895.

To R. W. Bro. E. M. L. Ehlers, Grand Secretary, for the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of New York, A. F. & A. M., held in New York City June 4, 1895.

To Bro. Geo. C. Heberling for an invitation to join the company in the meeting of the Inter-state Fish and Game Protective Association to be held at Brown's Lake, July 12, 1895. If we can, we'll go.

To Bro. W. H. Hall, of Osceola, for most kind and considerate words of encouragement to us in our undertaking to make this journal a success. He paid the compliment and he paid to renew his subscription too.

To Bro. Wm. H. Herrick, of Chicago, Ill., for a copy of the able sermon by Rev. Rodney Fuller Johonnot before Siloam Commandery, No. 54, K. T., of that city on Easter Sunday, April 14, 1895. It is a most valuable and instructive discourse.

COMMANDERIES.

CONCLAVES.

Grand Encampment, Boston, Mass., Aug. 27, 1895.
Iowa Grand, Templar Park, July 14, 1896.
Illinois Grand, Springfield, April 21, 1896.

HONOR THE NEW COMMANDER.

If there remained any doubt in the mind of Dr. T. B. Lacey that the Knights Templar of his home and those of the surrounding cities highly appreciated the honor that was bestowed upon him in his selection to the position of Grand Commander of the state of Iowa at the recent assembly at Spirit Lake, that doubt was dispelled last night when 100 of the Sir Knights, their wives and daughters assembled in the Masonic temple to do him honor and accord to him the welcome that is due the holder of the highest office within the gift of the order in the state. The Knights Templar of the Ivanhoe Commandery were all present last night to welcome back one of their number of whom they are justly proud. In attendance also were many from Omaha and other places.

After the company had gathered in the roomy quarters of the Masonic temple, all were directed to the banquet hall. At the head of the table were seated the present Grand Commander of the state, Dr. Lacey, Past Grand Commander, H. W. Rothert and the officials of the local commandery.

WELCOME TO DR. LACEY.

The first hour of the evening passed in the enjoyment of the banquet, after which Sir Knight I. M. Treynor as the toastmaster of the evening called the company to order and intruduced Judge Smith who gave the address of welcome to Dr. Lacey, taking occasion to pay many high compliments to the newly elected commander.

Dr. Lacey responded, expressing his hearty appreciation of the royal reception that had been tendered him. In his address he spoke of the recent state meeting held at Spirit Lake and out-lined the work of the convention.

The following toasts were also given: H. W. Rothert, "The Grand Commandery;" Winfield Straun, Omaha, "Our Visitors;" Mrs. G. H. Jackson, "The Mystic Shrine;" C. M. Harl, "Our Mothers, Wives and Daughters." The music for the evening was furnished by the Dudley Buck quartet, the Council Bluffs Banjo and Guitar club and Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Atkins.

AT THE BANQUET TABLE.

Among those present were: Messrs. and Mesdames: George W. Lipe, J. C. Mitchell, I. M. Treynor, J. B. Atkins, W. H. Thickstun, G. H. Jackson, W. C. Estep, W. Duquette, C. Konigmacher, J. B. Bell, H. C. Cox, W. S. Wilkins, E. R. Fonda, G. H. Joslin, H. W. Rothert and E. Rothert.

Mesdames J. McMillen, John Stork and Misses Emma Potter, Wind, Hanson and Fonda.

Messrs. F. A. Grey, J. L. Martin, O. M. Brown, A. T. Elwell, T. B. Lacey, George Phelps, Walter I. Smith, P. H. Wind, C. B. Randlett, Archibald Whitelaw, J. H. Sims and C. H. Ogden.

From Omaha the following were in attendance: Misses Florence and May Maynard, Elizabeth Protte and Miss Bassett, Messrs. George M. Wright, Gustavas Anderson, J. B, Rahn, J. W. Maynard, P. E. Robinson, I. P. Protte, M. L. Protte, H. Maxwell, E. K. Long, J. H. Perfect.

From other points: May Protte and Miss Roach, Chicago; Mrs. Guest, Pacific Junction; Miss Wight, Tipton, Ind., and Mrs. Samuel Mitchell, Marion.

Galesburg Commandery No. 8, Sterling Commandery No. 57 and Everts Commandery No. 18, K. T., of Rock Island have combined to make the trip to Boston. Sir O. M. Boyles, is a member of Everts Commandery and showed us the beautiful Itinerary they have gotten out.

GENERAL ORDER No. 1.

From the Apartments of the R. E. Grand Commander of Iowa, K. T., we have the privilege of examining the Mss. copy of his General Order No. 1, from which we gather such items as have not been embodied elsewhere in this journal. Touching the Grand Encampment he says:

Arrangements have been practically completed and special cars will start from Council Bluffs, Cedar Rapids, Burlington, Boone, Sioux City, Sac City, [Iowa Falls, Vinton, Waterloo, West Union, Marion and some other points—ED.], on August 21st; from Red Oak and Ottumwa August 19th; from Des Moines and Muscatine, dates not given. [Two coaches are scheduled to leave Davenport on August 21st.—ED.]

The Grand Commander's car, containing such Grand, Past Grand officers and others as can make it convenient to join the Grand Commander, will leave Council Bluffs on August 21st via the C. & N. W. Ry. to Chicago. The following is the itinerary adopted by the Grand Commandery:

Leave Iowa points, August 21.

Ar. Chicago	"	22	a. m.
Lv. "	"	22	2:30 p. m.
Ar. Niagara Falls ..	"	23	7:30 a. m.
Lv. " " ..	"	23	2:30 p. m.
Ar. Toronto	"	23	6:00 p. m.
Lv. "	"	23	9:00 p. m.
Ar. Kingston	"	24	4:00 a. m.
Lv. " (boat)	"	24	5:00 a. m.
Ar. Montreal "	"	24	6:30 p. m.
Lv. "	"	24	10:00 p. m.
Ar. Boston	"	25	4:45 p. m.

Those not taking the river trip will remain in their cars and proceed to Montreal, reaching there about noon. Those intending to take the St. Lawrence river trip must procure their tickets for the same before leaving Chicago, in order to obtain the reduced rate, which is placed at $3.

The round trip rate to Boston via the Chicago & Grand Trunk railway is $19, which does not include the cost of the river trip. A rate of one fare for the round trip is in force from all Iowa points, the tickets being on sale August 19th to 24th, inclusive.

Messrs. Knight & Neindorf, proprietors of the Briggs House, have generously invited the Sir Knights and ladies of Iowa to make the Briggs, corner Fifth avenue and Randolph street, our headquarters and place of rendezvous during our stay in Chicago; and from our knowledge of Eminent Sir Wm. Knight, all are sure to receive a hearty welcome.

Iowa people should have all mail addressed "Care of Iowa Headquarters, 527 and 529 Massachusetts Avenue, Boston, Mass.," where they can call for it. The Headquarters will be kept open up to and including August 30th. Electric cars on Tremont street or on Shawmut avenue run equally near the Headquarters. Those who cannot join any special car party, but desire to join the Iowa contingent at Chicago, can secure sleeping car berths from Chicago to Boston at $5.50 per double berth on application at the C. & G. T. ticket office, 103 S. Clark street, or at the Dearborn station, corner Dearborn and Polk streets.

Meals enroute will be largely taken at eating stations as follows:

August 22d, leaving Chicago at 2:30 p. m., supper at Battle Creek, Mich.

August 23d, breakfast and dinner at Niagara Falls, supper at Toronto.

August 24th, Kingston to Montreal via St. Lawrence River, breakfast and dinner on the boat; those going by rail take breakfast at Brockville, dinner and supper at Montreal.

August 25th, breakfast at Island Pond, Vt.; dinner at Plymouth, and supper in Boston.

All hotels will serve meals at 50 cents, except the St. James and Winsor hotels in Montreal and the hotel at Plymouth, which charge $1. There is a good lunch counter at Plymouth.

The Armstrong Transfer Co. agents will be on all trains before reaching Boston, and will check baggage to any part of the city at 25 cents for an ordinary piece of baggage to be delivered no further south than Massachusetts avenue. Beyond that 50 cents is charged. Carriages can also be secured from the same agents at corresponding prices, 50 cents being the minimum.

The badge adopted by our Grand Commandery, to be worn by the Sir Knights of Iowa and those accompanying them, is in the hands of Eminent Sir Geo. W. Bever, G. C. G., Cedar Rapids, Iowa, or at Headquarters, Boston, at 75 cents each, or three for $2 when for use of the family.

A register will be kept at Headquarters where all should come and register as soon as possible after arrival, so as to enable fraters to find each other easily.

The parade fixed for Tuesday morning, August 27th, will pass Headquarters.

T. B. LACEY,
Grand Commander.

ALF. WINGATE,
Grand Recorder.

GRAND COMMANDERY OF THE STATE OF IOWA.

APARTMENTS OF GRAND COMMANDER.

WEST UNION, IA, June 24, 1895.

CORRECTION TO GENERAL ORDER No. 7.

To take in Quebec on the trip to the Boston Triennial Conclave is $3.00 in addition to the $19.00 round trip fare from Chicago to Boston. This was omitted in General Order No. 7.

D. W. CLEMENTS,
Grand Commander.

Attest:
ALF. WINGATE, Recorder.

The itinerary of St. Bernard Commandery of Chicago is a thing of beauty. Their trip to Boston will be most grand. They go over the Grand Trunk.

BOSTON FINALLY.

The time is at hand when arrangements must be made for this trip if you want to go.

THE OFFICIAL ROUTE east from Chicago is the GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY, with its numerous attractive scenes and historic places and was selected with the following itinerary:

Leaving Iowa points August 21 so as to leave Chicago via the Chicago and Grand Trunk, at 2 p. m., August 22, arrive at Niagara Falls 7:00 a. m., August 23. Here a halt of seven hours will be made for sightseeing. Leave at 3:30 p. m. for Toronto, where from 6 to 8 p. m. it is likely the Shriners will give a reception to the visitors.

A night ride will then be made to Kingston, where those who desire can take the trip down the St. Lawrence river to Montreal, ariving at 6 p. m. A halt will be made here until 11:50 p. m. The next stop will be made at White River Junction in the Green Mountains, on August 26, after which the train will run to Boston by 12:30 p. m. The fare from Chicago for the round trip will be $19. Those who desire the boat ride on the St. Lawrence river will pay $3 additional. The expense for sleeping car privileges, which all must take who go in the special trains, will be $5.50 from Chicago; $7 to $8 from Iowa points. Meals will usually be taken at stations enroute, with ample time, at a cost of 50 cents each. Persons desirous of information about the location of sleeping cars in Iowa, should write to Geo. W. Bever, Cedar Rapids, or for general information to E. H. Hughes, General Western Passenger Agent, C. & G. T. Ry., 103 S. Clark St., Chicago, Ill. Nobles of the Mystic Shrine who want to go with the El-Kahir Temple train, which goes through to Boston solid, should write to Jno. W. Geiger, Marion, Iowa. Full information is given in the various circulars issued, and those who wish to

secure the advantages of the trip should arrange with the committees at once.

For quarters in Boston or Nantasket write to Benj. W. Rowell, 28 School Street, Boston, Mass. As may be noted by the illustrations we have given from time to time, the trip is going to be full of interest. Those who are looking for a trip that will bring them back by another than the original route going can ticket so as to return via the beautiful LEHIGH VALLEY ROUTE through the grandest scenery that the states of New Jersey, Pennsylvania and New York afford. Every comfort to be found on any line can be had on this one, and Mr. Hughes will arrange for those who wish it on the terms allowed for travel over more than one route going and coming.

ADDITIONAL POINTS.

Those who go with the El-Kahir train over the B., C. R. & N. can check their baggage through without transfer to Boston. A day coach and baggage car will go through with the train. Baggage should be carefully marked (we have labels ready for those who want them), and a tag tied on with your full address on one side and destination on the other. If necessary, passengers can have access to their baggage on the train at any reasonable time.

Persons going by other routes with the Templar trains can have the stickers for baggage on application to Geo. W. Bever, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Pack your baggage.

Label your trunk and tie a tag with your Boston and Nantasket addresses on it.

Do not depend upon eleventh hour emotions to arrange for the numerous little details that go to make the trip a pleasure.

Don't bang around on the train promiscously—oh, make yourself at home anywhere, but do not go romping over everybody to have a good time.

Ask all the questions you want to, if there's anything you want to know, but do not pester the men in charge about matters that they know no more about than you do.

A trusted manager will be in charge of each train, another in charge of each car; consult them at all stops and keep together under their direction. Otherwise you may be left behind somewhere.

When you are in Boston, do as the Bostonians do. Know your place and avoid careless going about unattended (ladies), and keep out of places where our badges (gentlemen) better not be seen.

At Nantasket, go in bathing, go down on the boat and have a good time generally, but don't be foolhardy about the water. Obey the injunctions of persons of experience and many dangers will be avoided.

TO NANTASKET.

We are informed by Illustrious Sir B. W. Rowell that baggage intended for Nantasket should be carefully marked (name, hotel or cottage and Nantasket Beach), and sent to Rowe's Wharf, Boston, Mass.

The El-Kahir headquarters will be in Rooms 37 and 38, Rockland House, Nantasket Beach. No effort at receiving extensively will be made this year, but our friends will be made welcome if they call.

BOSTON BEANLETS.

The B., C. R. & N. and the Rock Island routes have just sent out a handsome itinerary for their solid vestibule train to Boston. No more artistic souvenir has reached us than this.

St. Joseph, Mo., Commandery No. 41, K. T., goes to Boston over the Rock Island to Chicago, thence via the Grand Trunk. They go the same day as Iowa, August 21. We'll greet you, fraters.

Red Oak, Burlington, Muscatine, Des Moines, Davenport (Kaaba), Cedar Rapids (K. T. and El Kahir), Marion, Waterloo, Council Bluffs and other cities are already in line, all going over the Grand Trunk from Chicago.

BOSTON PARADE.

ROUTE OF PROCESSION SELECTED—UPWARD OF 25,000 SIR KNIGHTS ARE EXPECED IN LINE.

R. Em. Sir Samuel C. Lawrence, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, and Chief Marshal of the grand parade of Knights Templars to take place in this city Tuesday, Aug. 27 next, in honor of and as escort to M. Em. Sir Hugh McCurdy, Grand Master, and the officers and members of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templars of the United States, has selected the following route over which the procession is to pass:

Commonwealth Avenue from Dartmouth Street to Arlington Street; Arlington St., to Boylston Street; Boylston Street to Huntington Avenue; Copley Square; Huntington Avenue to Dartmouth Street; Dartmouth Street to Columbus Avenue; Columbus Avenue to Massachusetts Avenue; Massachusetts Avenue to Washington St.; through Adams Square, to Hanover Street, where the parade will be dismissed and the members of the Grand Encampment escorted to Masonic Temple. Arriving there the Grand Encampment will open its Triennial Conclave and continue in session during the week.

The route is estimated as being a little over three miles in length, and it is anticipated that upward of 25,000 Sir Knights, accompanied by their bands of music, will parade in the escort, representing among their numbers every Templar jurisdiction in the United States.

R. Em. Sir Charles C. Fry, Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery, has been appointed by Grand Commander Lawrence as his Chief of Staff.

The hope expressed by our exchanges that the Templar emblem will not be displayed about improper places is hereby fully reiterated by this journal.

BUSINESS IN BOSTON.

We most heartily concur with the *American Tyler* in the opinion that the coming Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment should express its sentiments upon the horrible cruelties of the Turkish government in Armenia. Not that the Turk will notice it, but that our English cousins and fraters may blush for their delay to bring the "unspeakable" to time.

We concur in the hope that whatever conflict there may be in regard to jurisdiction over rejected material may be settled finally by an edict that no jurisdiction has the power perpetually to restrain the application of a Companion who may be otherwise worthy, after the expiration of a reasonable time.

We have before expressed the hope that the Grand Master would make an effort to prevent the use of Templar decorations in front of saloons in Boston, and we hope the Knights will abstain from frequenting any drinking place while wearing the insignia of the order "founded upon the Christian religion and the practice of the Christian virtues."

We hope the Ritual will receive just a little attention, so that the awkward features often ambiguously hidden under the words "according to the tactics of the jurisdiction" may be made clearer to the naked eye.

Now, like our great contemporary, we're too modest to dictate, but we do urge with Bro. Brownwell the first two subjects upon the attention of our representatives with an urgent appeal to act.

CHICAGO HEADQUARTERS.

The following letter will fully explain itself:

CHICAGO, July 5, 1895.

JNO. W. GEIGER,
Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

DEAR SIR: When the Iowa Sir Knights go through on their way to the Grand Encampment at Boston, we want you to come and make the "Briggs" your headquarters during your stay (in Chicago.) You will probably remain a few hours in Chicago and will perhaps want to rest up. It does not matter whether you want anything in our line or not, we want you to come.

Very truly,
(BILLY) KNIGHT & NEINDORF.

The Briggs House is at the corner of Randolph Street and Fifth Avenue—on the European plan, and run by two of the boys.

Billy, we're coming to see you and our Grand Commander has accepted the invitation to have your house the official headquarters during our stop in Chicago. Billy, there's three train loads of us! Put the kettle on, and wear a smile, for we're coming to see you sure.

TEMPLAR TRIENNIALS.

The Triennial Conclaves of the Grand Encampment previously held and the Grand Masters elected at each to preside over it during the three years following have been:

Year. Location.	Grand Master.
1816—New York, N. Y.,	De Witt Clinton
1819—New York, N. Y.,	De Witt Clinton
1826—New York, N. Y.,	De Witt Clinton
1829—New York, N. Y.,	Rev. Jonathan Nye
1832—Baltimore, Md	Rev. Jonathan Nye
1835—Washington, D. C.,	James M. Allen
1838—Boston, Mass.,	James M. Allen
1841—New York, N. Y.,	James M. Allen
1844—New Haven, Conn.,	Archibal Bull
1847—Columbus, O.,	William B. Hubbard
1850—Boston, Mass.,	William B. Hubbard
1853—Lexington, Ky.,	William B. Hubbard
1856—Hartford, Conn.,	William B. Hubbard
1859—Chicago, Ill.,	Benjamin B. French
1862—New York, N. Y.,	Benjamin B. French
1865—Columbus, O.,	Henry L. Palmer
1868—St. Louis, Mo.,	William S. Gardner
1871—Baltimore, Md.,	John Q. A. Fellows
1874—New Orleans, La.,	James H. Hopkins
1877—Cleveland, O.,	Vincent L. Hubbard
1880—Chicago, Ill.,	Benjamin Dean
1883—San Francisco, Cal.,	Robert E. Withern
1886—St. Louis, Mo.,	Charles Roome
1889—Washington, D. C.,	John P. S. Gobin
1892—Denver, Col.,	Hugh McCurdy

—*Boston Journal.*

ON TO BOSTON.

SPECIAL TRAIN! ONE FARE RATE!

For the twenty-sixth Triennial Conclave of Knights Templar at Boston, August 27th, the B., C. R. & N., takes pleasure in stating it has secured for this trip seven of Pullman's latest designed sleepers, lighted with Pintsch gas, upholstered with light hair cloth and especially intended for summer travel. These sleepers will leave the following Iowa points on the day trains August 21st:

STATIONS.	ROUND TRIP RATE.	TIME.
Estherville	$32.00	1:05 p. m.
Iowa Falls	28.79	5:05 "
Decorah	36.65	3:40 "
West Union	26.65	5:40 "
Independence	26.55	7:05 "
Cedar Falls	27.40	6:45 "
Waterloo	27.25	7:00 "
Vinton	26.45	8:00 "
Cedar Rapids	25.75	9:00 "

Tickets on sale August 19th to 24th, good to return until October 6th.

Regular stops will be made at all intermediate stations to Cedar Rapids, where the sleepers will be joined to the special train of through coaches and baggage cars leaving Cedar Rapids at 9 p. m., arriving at Chicago 7 a. m., August 22d.

For further information relative to rates and route, inquire of any agent of the B., C. R. & N. railway, or address the undersigned. This is an opportunity of a life time. Don't miss it.

J. MORTON,
G. T. & P. A.,
Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

THE RETURN TRIP.

Aside from the fact that much of the country passed over at night going, is to be seen by daylight returning, on the route to Boston, there are numerous desirable plans by which a pleasant journey can be made for a slight additional expense. The Fall River line of steamers, Boston to New York, the Lehigh Valley and Grand Trunk to Chicago has been more generally adopted by the Iowa Templars and Nobles. This combines part water and part rail. Some will want to go to Baltimore and Washington, either side trip there or return to Chicago via the Baltimore & Ohio railway—a good one too. Many other lines will be suggested and scarcely any limit is to be found to the diversity of routes this year. May all have a good time going and returning.

TEMPLAR MASONRY.

"Not descendant from the ancient crusading times," though we doubt not the incorporation of many of its ancient symbols by the present Order. Some eminent authors favor the ancient origin theory.

1769—First appearance of Templar Masonry on this continent, "or indeed elsewhere," so far as records go to prove. Place, Boston, Mass., St. Andrews Lodge, under warrant from the Grand Lodge of Scotland, as a Chapter, conferred the order of Knight Templar August 28, 1769. A duly commissioned visitor to Europe in 1869 from the Grand Encampment U. S. failed to report any evidence of a trace of connection with the Order of Crusading times. If a descendant of Masonic bodies of the 18th century, then, whether from Chapters or Lodges, it is a Masonic institution. In great Britain, as in America, the degree was conferred in Lodges or Chapters working under Lodge warrants. Evident that the Templar orders were conferred in Ireland, 1749; "perhaps several years previously," under warrant from Mother Lodge of Kilwinning, Scotland. How the St. Andrews Lodge of Boston obtained the Templar degree the records say not. Prof. Parvin believes that the officers of the Irish regiments quartered in Boston in 1748-9 brought it with them and it was thus obtained.

The Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, U. S. A., was organized 1816.

Thomas Smith Webb and Henry Fowle were leading spirits in the organization of the General Grand Encampment.

In 1856 the Grand Encampment was in a measure reorganized upon its present basis. All authority over the symbolic degrees was disclaimed; only claimed R. C., S. T. and K. M.

RED CROSS.

No certain information about origin of this Order. The Maltese ritual originated in Boston Encampment, Boston, Mass. It is quite certain that the degree of Knight of the Red Cross was not worked in England.

AMERICAN TEMPLARY.

From the "History of Freemasonry and Concordant Orders," we gather the following introductory notes to the historical outlines we shall continue to gather for this department.

In part III, the Knights Templar and Allied Orders are treated.

The American Masonic system is a growth, the germ of which is to be found in the older Masonry of the Mother country. The American scion is not thought to be a reprodnction, but at most but a species of the same *genus*. Previous to the Revolutionary War and American Independence there existed no Templar bodies. The ceremonies pertaining thereto were practiced to some extent "under the sanction of the warrant" of "Blue" Lodges. As the author says, it was formerly the practice of those persons in possession of the *degree* to assemble in some lodge room, and there proceed with the ceremony of knighting a Templar, and sometimes granting a diploma, the organization in every instance being self-created and temporary in character. St. Andrew's Royal Arch Lodge of Boston, holding under the Grand Lodge of Scotland, conferred the degree of Knight Templar upon William Davis, August 28, 1769. The character of the ceremonies or their source seems to be conjectural. It is possible that the degree of Knight Templar was conferred, in numerous instances, in military, and possibly other lodges prior to the end of the Revolutionary period, but no creditable records are extant.

R. E., D. W. CLEMENTS.

We were startled by hearing that our Past Grand Commander had been seriously if not fatally injured on July 22, but we have since received word from his son that he had received a severe shock, and wrench in his back, but that he is slowly improving and will be all right in a few weeks. All Sir Knights will pray for his early and complete recovery.

Low Rates to Boston and Return via Baltimore & Ohio Railroad.

On account of the Knights Templar Conclave at Boston, Mass., the Baltimore & Ohio R. R., will sell excursion tickets at the rate of one fare for the round trip going and returning by the same route. Circuitous route tickets will also be sold at rate of 60 per cent. of the sum of the first-class limited fares via the routes selected.

Tickets will be on sale for the Knights Templar Conclave from August 19th to 25th, inclusive, and will be good to return until September 10th, subject to an extension until September 30th, 1895.

For further information call on or address L. S. Allen, Asst. Gen'l Passenger Agent, Chicago, Illinois.

The Knights Templars & Masons Life Indemnity Co. wants an agent for every Masonic lodge in the state of Iowa. Address L. P. Dowes, General Agent, Eldora, Hardin Co., Iowa.

Brother Sidney Smith of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, wants Iowa Grand Lodge Proceedings, 1858 and 1860.

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HEAR THE LAW.

Like the laborer whom the Master cited as complaining against those who entered the vineyard at the eleventh hour, there are some who attack every enactment of the Grand Lodge as if the whole were "conceived in sin and born in iniquity." We do not so understand our law. When there is reasonable doubt of the justice of any statute in force, we believe it is the right of every brother who has a voice in the law-making body to do all in his power for its repeal, but to do so in a rational and becoming manner. To assail the personal character, and rake up every possible method of obstruction and annoyance is painful to those who believe that the Masonic institution is above intrigue and politics. We write these words without personal intent against any man or brother and with the view only to call attention to the good law that directs a sensible and peaceable method of solution.

CORNER STONE LAYING.

In the presence of a large concourse of people the corner stone of the new Christian church at Milton was laid with Masonic honors on July 31st. Brother J. C. Holland and the officers of Aurora Lodge No. 50 were deputized by the Grand Master to take charge of the ceremonies, which they did in a manner highly creditable to themselves and the craft. Brother Rev. T. S. Oadams of Keosauqua Lodge No. 10, delivered the oration, which received very flattering recognition by the local press. A number of brethren were present from neighboring lodges. The craftsmen have great reason to congratulate themselves upon the success of the occasion and rejoice in the new impetus which local Masonry has received thereby.

MORE THANKS.

To Noble H. J. Holmes, Perry, for the address of a missing Shriner. To Noble E. D. Kohn, Davenport for like information. To Brother O. F. Barbour of Rockford, Ill., for like assistance.

We regret our inability to be at the Fifth District Editorial Meeting, to be held at Spirit Lake, Iowa, August 22 to 25, 1895. We return thanks for the invitation. We shall be on our way to Boston then.

Our readers will please bear in mind that when we are short of news notes it is because we cannot get hold of them. This journal is devoted to Masonic interests and the information given through its pages is now read by thousands throughout the country.

The favor with which our efforts to give the fraternity a first-class journal are received is a matter of pleasure to us. The answers to our personal canvass have been all that we could ask. The few who cancel their expired subscriptions either give the cause as poverty or take the less brotherly method of having the P. M., notify us that that the magazine is "refused." We shall keep right on "at the old stand."

THE EASTERN STAR.

GRAND BODIES MEET.

General Grand Chapter, Boston, Mass , August 27, 1895.
Iowa Grand Chapter, Charles City, October 23-24, 1895.

TWO NEW CHAPTERS.

MARION U. D., July 30, 1895.—Mrs. Sarah E. Woods, Grand Matron of Iowa, instituted this Chapter on the above date. She organized the Chapter and gave instructions in the afternoon and finished the work in the evening. The following are the officers:

Mrs. Nettie Hilliard, W. M.; John Westley Geiger, W. P.; Mrs. Florence L. Plumb, A. M.; Mrs. C. H. Kurtz, C.; Mrs. F. M. Harvey, A. C.; Mrs. Kimball, Adah; Mrs. F. C. Bell, Ruth; Mrs. F. C. H. Schminke, Esther; Mrs. W. B. Wells, Martha; Mrs. E. I. Alderman, Electa; F. C. H. Schminke, Sec'y; A. B. Dumont, Treasurer; W. B. Wells, Warden; J. G. Reichard, Sentinel; Mrs. O. M. Bayles, Organist.

The Chapter starts out with good prospects of success. In addition to the ofcers above named the following are charter members: Mrs. S. E. H. Geiger, P. M. Plumb, Mrs. A. B. Dumont, F. H. Hilliard, E. I. Alderman, C. H. Kurtz, F. M. Harvey, Mrs. J. G. Reichard, H. J. Kimball, F. C. Bell and O. M. Bayles.

CEDAR U. D., July 31, 1895, Cedar Rapids.—Cedar Chapter, Order of Eastern Star, was organized by Grand Matron Sarah E. Woods of Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, at Masonic Hall. The following are the names of the officers:

Leah G. Helm, W. M.; Martin Evans, Martin Evans, W. P.; Susie Elsom, A. M.; A. H. Gough, Sec'y; G. S. Pettit, Treas.; Maggie A. Evans, C.; Ellen Shettel, A. C.; Carrie Morcombe, Adah; Julia A. Pettit, Ruth; Jeane Gairns, Esther; Margaret McKinnon, Martha; Mary Petrovitsky, Electa; Belle Gairns, Warden; Z. Farr, Sentinel. The other charter members are: Wm. Elsom, J. H. Helm, John T. Carmody, Mary E. Carmody, G. M. Johnson, John Petrovitsky, A. W. McKinnon, Mary Nyere, Géo. N. Nyere, Susan D. McKeel, Jos. E. Morcombe and W. K. Shettel.

The above Chapters may justly be denominated the "heavenly twins," as the work of getting up the petitions was done simultaneously by the men who are serving as the patrons. They both begin life with flattering prospects of success. So may it ever be.

BUREAU OF INFORMATION.

COUNCIL BLUFFS, IA., July 25, '95.

SISTER OR BROTHER SECRETARY:

A bureau of information will be established by the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts at the Union Hall, No. 48 Boylston street (opposite the Masonic Temple), where Eastern Star headquarters have been secured for the entire week, begin-Monday morning, August 26th, until Saturday, August 31st.

Members familiar with Boston and vicinity will be in attendance during the week for the purpose of giving information to visitors.

Visiting members may have mail sent to the above address, "care of Grand Chapter Committee, O. E. S."

Courteously yours,
MARIA JACKSON,
Grand Secretary, O. E. S.

During our sojourn at Templar Park, the members of the Order among us who could go attended a meeting of the local Chapter at Spirit Lake. Six ladies were received upon the five points of devotion and made members. A toothsome report was served and all who were there express themselves as highly pleased.

The advantages to be found in belonging to the Order of the Eastern Star can only be determined by experience.

...The FEZ...

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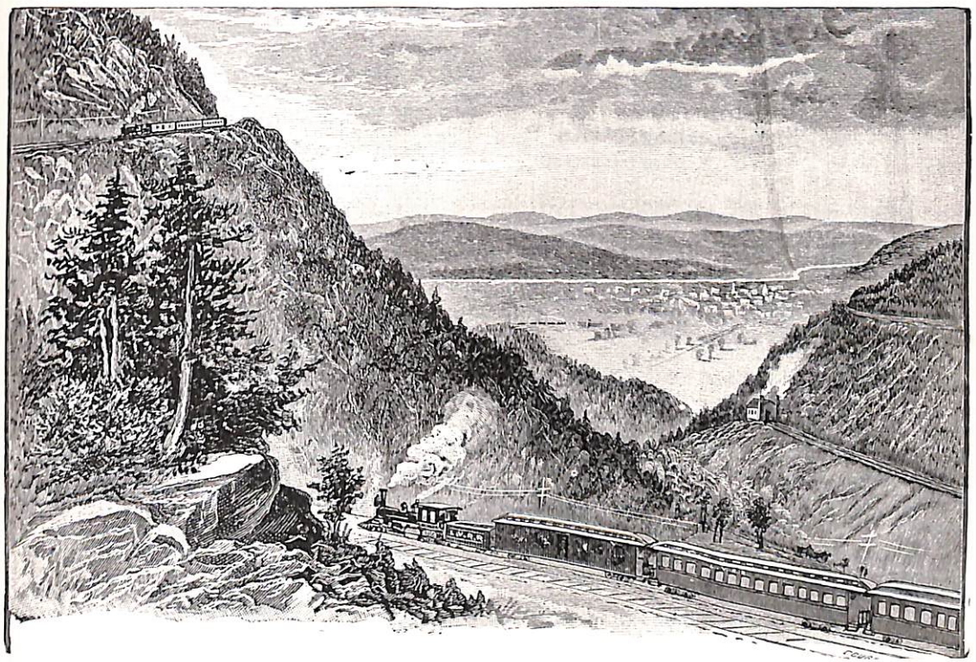

WYOMING VALLEY.
ON THE LINE OF THE LEHIGH VALLEY RAILWAY.

THE FEZ.

TRIBAL GATHERINGS.

Imperial Council, Nantasket, Mass., Sept. 2 and 3, 1895.
El Kahir, Cedar Rapids, Iowa Annual, Dec. 11, 1895.
Kaaba, Davenport, Iowa, Annual.

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2 Charles W. Torey, New York.
3 George O. Tyler, Burlington, Vermont.
4 Charles T. McClenachan, New York.

REPRESENTATIVES FOR 1895-6.

[We will here give the names of Representatives, date of their election, and name of Temple. Recorders will please forward returns on receipt of this.]

Abdallah, Leavenworth, Kansas—John H. Atwood, P. J. Freling, C. C. Goddard.

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Ararat, Kansas City, Missouri—Ethelbert F. Allen, William H. Brown, John H. Wiles, Arnold Shanklin.

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Cyprus, Albany, New York—Charles H. Armatage, Thos. J. Bishop.

Damascus, Rochester, New York—George F. Loder, William H. Whiting, Courtland Avery.

El Jebel, Denver, Colorado—Dec. 16, '94, S. W. Chaney, A. F. Vick Roy, A. B. McGaffey and J. H. Peabody.

El Kalah, Salt Lake City, Utah—Arthur M. Grant.

El-Kahir, Cedar Rapids, Iowa — Jno. Westley Geiger; W. J. Jameson; Cl. Bl. W. N. Dearborn, Stone City; E. S. Childs, Waterloo. *Alternates*—1, W. S. Gardner, Clinton; 2, J. J. Smyth, Marion; 3, Matt Gaasch, Vinton; 4, A. D. Brown, Manchester.

El Katif, Spokane, Washington—Nathan B. Rundle.

El Riad, Sioux Falls, South Dakota—Park Davis, W. T. Doolittle, Frank A. Brown.

El Zagal, Fargo, North Dakota—Thomas Baker, Jr., F. B. Faucher.

Hamasa, Meridian, Mississippi—O. A. Harrison.

Hella, Dallas, Texas—L. M. Knepfley, James Garrity, Joseph Swope.

India, Oklahoma, O. T.—Frank Harrah.

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Medinah, Chicago, Illinois—Chester T. Drake, Robert M. Johnson, Thomas H. Currier, William Johnston.

Media, Watertown, New York—Dec. 10, Fred. W. Streeter; D. G. Eggleston.

Mohammed, Peoria, Illinois—Seth F. Haskins.

Moila, St. Joseph, Missouri—M. W. Steiner.

Moolah, St Louis—B. F. Nelson, G. W. Nieman, Otto F. Stifel.

Morocco, Jacksonville, Florida—O. Perie Havens.

Moslem, Detroit, Michigan.—Fred. Fayram, Ed. R. Harris, Lou Burt, Charles F. Beck.

Mount Sinai, Montpelier, Vermont—Frank A. Dwinell, Elihu B. Taft.

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Oasis, U. D , Charlotte, North Carolina.

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Osiris, Wheeling, West Virginia—Matthew R. Wolff, E. E. Baldwin, Rev. R. R. Swope.

Osman, Saint Paul, Minnesota—W. H. S. Wright, C. E. Stone, T. W. Hugo.

Palestine, Providence, Rhode Island—George H. Burnham, Horace K. Blanchard, A. L. Anthony, Geo. L. Shepley.

Pyramid, Bridgeport, Connecticut—Hugh Stirling, Thaddeus B. Beecher, Carleton E. Hoadley, Frank J. Naramore.

Rajah, Reading, Pennsylvania—J. Lew Rake.

Rameses, Toronto, Canada—Henry A. Collins.

Sahara, Pine Bluffs, Arkansas—John T. Marsh.

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Saladin, Grand Rapids, Michigan—Lou B. Winsor, Charles E. Fink, H. K. Dean, N. B. Clark.

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Syria, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania—J. M. Kerr, W. S. Brown, James Arnold and Americus V. Holmes.

Syrian, Cincinnati, Ohio—Levi C. Goodale, Jacob H. Bromwell, Morris L. Buchwalter, Allen Andrews.

Tebala, U. D., Rockford, Illinois

Tangier, Omaha, Nebraska—H. C. Akin, G. Anderson, W. S. Strawn.

Tripoli, Milwaukee, Wisconsin—Eugene S Elliott, Luther L. Caufy, William H. Brazier.

Yaarab, Atlanta, Georgia—H. C. Stockdell.

Zamora, Birmingham, Alabama—Ben. M. Jacobs.

Zem Zem, Erie, Pennsylvania—Frank J. Bassett

Ziyara, Utica, New York—John W. Boyle, Edward Brown, Roderick Campbell.

Zuhrah, Minneapolis, Minnesota—John A. Schelener, Roland H. Hartley, R. D. Russell.

EL-KAHIR TEMPLE.

As this Journal now reaches every Recorder in America each month, and goes into the hands of a large number of nobles regularly; we have decided to use this column for such official announcements as may be deemed necessary from time to itme.

JNO. W. GEIGER, Recorder.

MISSING NOBLES.

Somewhere amid the sandy wastes of the desert, the following members of El-Kahir have been lost, and as they are not in possession of Passports of good standing, Recorders of Temples will confer a favor if they will notify us whenever one turns up among his flock. Our own Nobles can aid us by giving information about either of the following:

NAMES.	LAST POST OFFICE.
Rollin E. Smith,	Cedar Rapids, Ia.
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H. T. Lauderbach,	Vinton, Iowa.
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Abner Graves,	Chicago, Ill.
G. S. Lister,	Marshalltown, Ia.
Dedrick Van Aken,	Bridgeport, Conn.

CALL FOR THE ANNUAL SESSION.

THE IMPERIAL COUNCIL, ANCIENT ARABIC ORDER NOBLES OF THE MYSTIC SHRINE FOR NORTH AMERICA—OFFICE OF THE IMPERIAL POTENTATE.

CINCINNATI, O., July 1, 1895.

To the Representatives to the Imperial Council, to all Potentates of Subordinate Temples and to the Nobility of our Order:

ES SELAMU ALEIKUM.

The Twenty-first Annual Session of the Imperial Council will be held in the Rockland House, Nantasket Beach, Mass., on Monday and Tuesday, September 2 and 3, 1895. The first day's session will commence at ten o'clock a. m.

The Headquarters of the Imperial Council will be at the Rockland House, where the Imperial Potentate, Imperial Recorder and Imperial Treasurer will have apartments for the transaction of business pertaining to their respective offices.

Representatives and other Nobles desiring hotel accommodations are requested to communicate with the Imperial Recorder, Noble B. W. Rowell, No. 28 School St., Boston, Mass., as soon as possible. Potentates and Representatives are requested to file with the Imperial Recorder, at once, all papers referring to by-laws, appeals, grievances, reports, amendments to the Constitution, etc., that the same may be in readiness for presentation to the proper committees.

Temples under dispensation will forward to the Imperial Potentate a report of all work done under dispensation, a copy of their by-laws, and the dispensation under which they are working, that recommendation may be made to the Imperial Council.

COMMITTEES.

As required by the Constitution of the Imperial Council, the Imperial Potentate announces the appointment of the following:

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Credentials—Henry C. Akin, Nebraska; Frank A. Dwinell, Vermont; Jos. Swope, Texas; Chas. A. Hiller, Kansas; Frank T. Gilbert, New York.

Dispensations and Charters—J. B Schwatka, Maryland; J. H. Peabody, Colorado; Jos. W. Smith, Indiana; Chas. L. Field, California; Jos. S. Wright, Pennsylvania.

Finance and Accounts—Benj. F. Nelson, Missouri; Geo. F. White, Iowa; Thos. Waterman, Massachusetts; Jno. A. Schlener, Minnesota; J. Lew Rake, Pennsylvania.

Grievances and Appeals — Chester T. Drake, Illinois; Lou Burt, Michigan; John T. Marsh, Arkansas; Jas. S. Arnold, Pennsylvania; Eugene S. Elliott, Wisconsin.

Jurisprudence and Laws—Allen Andrews,

Ohio; Geo. H. Burnham, Rhode Island; Harrison Dingman, District of Columbia; John H. Mauritius, Nebraska; Lou B. Winsor, Michigan.

In accordance with the standing resolution of the Imperial Council (1894), the above committee will meet at the Rockland Hotel, Nantasket Beach, "one day in advance of the meeting of the Imperial Council."

Mileage and Pay of Representatives—Lou P. Ecker, Virginia; T. W. Hugo, Minnesota; Henry Stowell, New York; Merwin Jackson, Ohio; Henry A. Collins, Canada.

Transactions of Imperial Officers — Jno. Westley Geiger, Iowa; Hugh Sterling, Connecticut; M. R. Wolff, West Virginia; Jas. A. Fox, Massachusetts; Geo. F. Loder, New York.

Committee on Necrology — Wm. Ryan, Kentucky; Park Davis, South Dakota; Richard Lambert, Louisiana; Jno. H. Wiles, Missouri; Seth F. Haskins, Illinois.

At the last session of the Imperial Council the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the entire subject of incorporation, as made by Imperial Potentate Hudson, be referred to a special committee of three, to be appointed by the Imperial Potentate at the time he appoints the regular standing committees, and that the committee so appointed take the matter under consideration and report to the Imperial Council at its next annual session, and that in the meantime this Imperial Council does not accept the Act of Incorporation reported by the committee as the Charter of the Imperial Council.

In accordance with the above order of the Imperial Council, I appoint as said—

Special Committee on Incorporation — Jacob H. Bromwell, Ohio; Geo. D. Babbitt, Maine; B. F. Price, Tennessee.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION.

The following amendments to the Constitution and Law of the Imperial Council have been presented and will come before the Imperial Council for consideration and action, viz.:

Proposed by Past Imperial Potentate Thos. J. Hudson— To amend Section 2, Art. III, by inserting in the third line thereof after the words "entitled to," the following words: "of whom any member of such Temple who is at such time an officer of the Imperial Council shall be one."

Proposed by Noble Jacob H. Bromwell —Section 1, Art. V, amend by adding the words, "He may censure or suspend Temples; or discipline and suspend officers or members of Temples for violation or disobedience of the Constitution, Regulations and Edicts of the Imperial Council, said suspension to be in force until the next session of the Imperial Council."

Proposed by Noble Levi C. Goodale— Section 1, Art. XIX, change to read: "Provided, also, that Temples occupying the same state or territory may agree upon concurrent jurisdiction within or an equitable division of their territory, should they so desire; provided, also, that the Imperial Council may declare concurrent jurisdiction or an equitable division of territory between all Temples in states where more than one Temple exists," etc.

Proposed by Noble John Q. Adams—To amend Section 1, Art. XIV, by inserting after the words, "Provided, also, that Temples occupying the same state or territory may agree upon concurrent jurisdiction within their territory if they so desire," these words: "But such agreement may be terminated by any Temple within such territory by giving ten days' notice, in writing, to the other Temple or Temples in such territory of its purpose to terminate such agreement."

Proposed by Noble A. N. Sloan—Section 1, Art. XIV, amend by striking out all of the section commencing with "Jurisdictional boundaries between any two Temples are determined," etc., and ending with "The latter line will constitute the jurisdictional boundary between the two Temples."

Proposed by Noble M. L. Buchwalter— To amend Section 5, of Art. V, by omitting the words, "And the fees therefor shall be returned to the Imperial Council," and insert the words, "And the fees therefor shall be paid into the treasury of the Temple organized under dispensation."

Proposed by Syrian Temple, N. M. S. —To add to Section 5, of Art. XXX, the following in the proper places:

"The payment of the amount of dues for the non-payment of which the member was suspended, reinstates the Noble to membership without action of the Temple."

Change that portion of Section 5, Art. XXX, commencing, "For conduct unbecoming a member of the Order," etc., so that it shall read, "For conduct unbecoming a member of the Order, it shall require a vote of two-thirds of the members present to suspend from membership, which suspension may be for a definite or indefinite period, and a vote of three-fourths of the members present to expel a member. A member so suspended or expelled can be reinstated only by petition to the Temple. It shall require the consent of two-thirds of the members present to reinstate a suspended member, and three-fourths to reinstate an expelled member."

Amend Art. XXXIII so as to make the first line read, "Each subordinate Temple shall, on the first day of May in each year," etc., instead of "on or before," etc.

In the hope that Allah, the Merciful, the Compassionate, may permit us all to meet in Imperial Council without the further loss by death of any of the Representatives, I have the honor to be,

Yours in the faith,
W. B. MELISH,
Imperial Potentate.

Attest:
B. W. ROWELL,
Imperial Recorder.

AMONG THE TEMPLES.

Naturally, this month brings us but few notices of meetings and but meagre information of the doings of our Templars.

HELLA, Dallas, Texas, came up serenely with a notice for July 18th. They are working to erect a Shrine Temple. Their committee on ways and means was booked to report on the above date.

WE hope to present in our next number a suscinct report of all important business done by the Imperial Council, and by our personal contact with the representatives and visiting Nobles to make the Fez what it desires to be, an earnest and representative exponent of the Order.

EL-KAHIR, Cedar Rapids, Iowa. No ceremonial meetings will be held until after the Imperial Council. The first will be at Eldora, on October 2, the second at Perry the third week in October or early in November. Eldora has a large class of candidates in waiting. Sioux City is off until next winter.

WE have before urged Recorders to drop us a postal card just as soon as dates are fixed for meetings of their Temples so that we might have a reliable calendar of ceremonial sessions. We ask no other particular return for the courtesy of the exchange while we are both editor and a fellow Recorder. Push this.

MOILA, St. Joe, Mo.—Had it not been so far, and an engagement so near at hand to go elsewhere, we'd have surprised Nobles Worden and Van Deventer of Moila on August 14, for they are going to have a celebration on that date in St. Joseph. In the note on Rockland House rates, it is just $1 too high. We'll see you at Nantasket.

EL-KAHIR YELL.

El, El, El-Ka-her, Ce-dar Rapids, Iowa.

AMONG EXCHANGES.

" 'O, will he paint me the way I want,'
As bonny as a girlie,
Or will he paint me an ugly tyke,
And be d——d to Mr. Nerli '
But still and on and which ever it is,
He is a canty Kerlie,
The Lord protect the back and neck
Of honest Mr. Nerli."

This, one of the last verses ever written by Robert Louis Stevenson, is in reference to the portrait of himself, which is given to the public with his verse for the first time in the July *Cosmopolitan*. The lines might have come from the pen of Burns, and are inimitable in their way. The portrait was declared by Stevenson himself to be the best ever painted of him.

In this same number of *The Cosmopolitan* Rudyard Kipling tells and Indian story, to which Remington adds charming illustrations; Mrs. Burton Harrison makes a serious study of New York society in "The Myth of the Four Hundred," and Kate Douglas Wiggin contributes a story of one of the most delightful of Welsh retreats. *The Cosmopolitan* was with this number reduced to ten cents per copy, and as a consequence, notwithstanding its large edition, it was "out of print" on the third day of publication.

The Fraternal Messenger, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; weekly, 50 cents a year. Bro. James Morcomb, editor. This journal aims to fill a unique place by working in the interest of all the fraternities of "Linn county and vicinity." The make up, outside of the first and second page notices, is very creditable and we trust the venture may prove all our brother expected of it. It is welcome to our exchange list.

"A delightful outdoor number" will be the reader's verdict on the August *Midland Monthly* (Des Moines). Its many illustrations take one out into the fields and on the hills and over Arctic seas. The Dells of the Wisconsin, the Mackenzie River, "Starting a City in Ranchland" (prize paper), Vergennes, Vt., the Battle of Mobile Bay, a historic castle in Rhenish Prussia, hunting and fishing in Sonoma, a racy sketch of campers' adventures in Northern Wilds, stories, poems, queries answered, these—with a full-page "Type of Midland Beauty," are the chief attractions of the August *Midland*.

Masonic Opinion, comes to us from Washington, D. C. It is a weekly journal devoted to Masonry; $1 per year. Bro. I. L. Johnson, P. G. M., P. G. H. P. editor and proprietor. It is a well edited and neatly arranged journal and we bid it welcome.

MOSLEM CAVALCADES.

BY NOBLE DENNIS.

Camels are coming from east and west
From north and from south they glitter and shine.
Banners of silk and a gleaming crest
At the head of each long and brilliant line.
From precincts suburban
See caftan and turban—
The iris seems robbed of every hue—
Ne'er since Caliph Haroun
Has there come to a town
Such an awfully gorgeous retinue.

Ah, there rides an Emir
With steel at his femur,
A true old Damascus yataghan;
On great dromedaries
Are tall janizanes—
We're not like soon to see that again.

Shajk, dervish, and imam
With most profound salaam
Respond to the greetings of everyone,
And out from the van
Of each caravan
Comes a Nubian mascot, son of the sun.

Camels are coming from south and west
From sweet north lakes and old ocean's brine,
On Arabic's toes long lances rest,
And pennons whirl in the airy wine;
Now as they come nearer
And one sees them clearer
Nobles are they of the "Mystic Shrine."

—*From Program of Murat at Imperial Council Banquet, 1887.*

THE SHRINERS' LU LU.

BY MRS. W. S. PORTER.

[Tune, "The Old Oaken Bucket."]

Sung by the Ladies' Band of Eldora, at Templar Park, July 10, 1895.

I.

Come listen we'll tell you, what we think of Shriners,
You are a bit selfish, but then we will hope
You'll conquer that weakness if we will assist you;
And cheer up your hearts, while you hang to the "Rope."
The "Rope" and the "Camel," we know they go with it,
They're some of the secrets we've learned on the side;
But in spite of the secrets we'll smile on you sweetly,
And proudly look on while the "Camel" you ride.

II.

There are many strange mysteries, terrible secrets,
Which you are afraid before ladies to name:
But we think there's a "Lu Lu," some beautiful creature,
And we have decided she's part of the game.
But that "Rope" we will take it, a lasso we'll make it,
And entwine the dear neck of that "Lu Lu" so swell;
We will put her so gently, in moss covered bucket,
And hang to the "Rope" while she swings in the well.

IN A FEZ.

BY MRS. MARIA JACKSON.

[Tune, "Dixie Land."]

Sung by the ladies at Templar Park, Spirit Lake on "Ladies Night."

Illustrious Nobles hear my song,
I promise 'twon't be very long
Of a Fez, of a Fez, of a Fez, of a Fez.
On camel's back I'd love to ride—
Another Shriner by my side;
In a Fez, in a Fez, in a Fez, in a Fez.

CHORUS—I want to be a Shriner,
I do, I do;
A Shriner's life, a jolly life,
I'd live and die a Shriner,
In a Fez, in a Fez
I'd live and die a Shriner.

On desert sand I take my stand;
On green oasis I will land
In a Fez, in a Fez, in a Fez, in a Fez.
Our Mecca is Nantasket Bay;
And all the pilgrims head that way
With a rope, with a rope, with a rope, with a rope.

CHORUS.

There milk and honey free will flow;
And every Shriner's heart will glow
In a Fez, in a Fez, in a Fez, in a Fez.
From sacred well will gently drip;
The Zem-Zem which their lips will sip
In a Fez, in a Fez, in a Fez, in a Fez.

CHORUS.

A feast of reason, flow of soul
Will all be mixed with flowing bowl,
And a Fez, and a Fez, and a Fez, and a Fez.
But reason must control them well,
For if it don't their heads will swell
In a Fez, in a Fez, in a Fez, in a Fez.

CHORUS.

And they should never bring disgrace,
On this, the finest Shriner's race,
In a Fez, in a Fez, in a Fez, in a Fez.
For wives and sweet-hearts will be there,
To guard them well will be their care
In a Fez, in a Fez, in a Fez, in a Fez.

CHORUS.

And when the Shriners lay them down,
In lasting sleep we will them crown
With a Fez, with a Fez, with a Fez, with a Fez.
Saint Peter opens wide his gate
For Shriners, who upon their pate
Wear a Fez, wear a Fez, wear a Fez, wear a Fez.

ON TO BOSTON AND NANTASKET.

BY MRS. MARIA JACKSON.

[Tune, "John Brown's Body."]

Sung by the ladies at Templar Park, Spirit Lake on "Ladies Night."

The new Grand Commander, T. B. Lacey, here you see;
He's a right jolly fellow and is also an M. D.,
A credit to the order, when in Boston he will be,
As he goes marching on.

CHORUS.

On to Boston and Nantasket,
On to Boston and Nantasket,
On to Boston and Nantasket,
Where Knights and Shriners go.

The Past Grand Commander, Sir Knight Clements is his name,
His home is in West Union; he's well known to Knightly fame;
He is honored, loved, respected, and well he deserves the same,
As he goes marching on.

CHORUS.

Loring, Ercanbrack and Bever are a trio hard to beat,
When we go to Grand Commandery, we are sure those three to meet,
In the East the gavel soundeth, each is surely in his seat,
And they'll go marching on.

CHORUS.

Wingate is Recorder and he brings the Knights to time,
He knows how much you're owing, be it dollar, cent or dime,
Sometimes a Knight gets angry, recommends a hotter clime,
But he still goes marching on.

CHORUS.

Shaw is now the Treasurer and safe the cash he'll hold,
To steal the shekels from him, you would need a robber bold,
For he'll strike right from the shoulder, and the thief would soon be told
That he'd best go marching on.

CHORUS.

Geiger is the Prelate, and a jolly soul is he,
At Nantasket and at Boston full of life and fun he'll be,
He'll keep the folks good humored for he's always full of glee,
As he goes marching on.

CHORUS.

There are Cleveland, Babb, and Dewey who are here without their wives,
We'll all be sisters to them, and we'll worry out their lives,
Till next year they'll each appear again with better halves in view,
And they'll all come marching on.

CHORUS.

Mr. Parvin always tries to make us keep the building neat,
And when the sun is bright and hot with cooling drinks he'll treat
The thirsty crowd who often on the porches take a seat,
As they go marching on.

CHORUS.

Soule he bossed the fire-works, and a fine show he did make,
He shot them to the heavens, and he shot them In the lake,
For performance of this character, he surely took the cake,
While we sat looking on.

CHORUS.

Murry's got some costumes which they say are very fine,
And that when the Knights dress up in them, they certainly do shine,
What a shame we could not borrow them, and wear them at this time,
And then we'd go marching on.

CHORUS.

Last, not least, there's Father Schreiner, he's the oldest in the band,
It makes us all feel better when we take him by the hand,
We'll surely meet *one* "*Schreiner*," when we join the better land,
For he'll go marching on.

CHORUS.

There are many other Knights here, whom we'd like to put in line,
But to mention everyone of them would take up too much time,
Some other time we'll treat them to a dose of doggrel rhyme,
And then *they'll* go marching on.

CHORUS.

So now we part to meet again, we hope, another year
To grasp the hand of friendship, and to greet with words of cheer,
And we'll live in memory o'er again the happy times spent here,
And we'll think of Auld Lang Syne.

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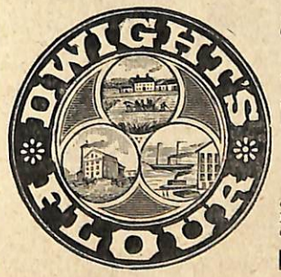

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